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Dear Parents/Guardians

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – Qualifying Expedition

The dates for the Gold qualifying expedition to the Black Mountains are Friday 6 July returning on Tuesday 10 July 2018; H5 Adventure will be overseeing the expedition again with the help of myself, staff and Mr Nute. We aim to leave school around 0900, meeting at BWS by 08:30, returning about 20:00 hrs on Tuesday. Your son will be reminded to call home with an ETA.

Your son will need to attend a pre-expedition check during lunchtime; I will also contact him via his school email. The cost of the expedition is £220. This cost covers H5 Adventure fee, transport, school's insurance (a copy of which is available on the school website), camp site fees, use of equipment and assessor fees. Campsite details are as follows:-

- Fri 6 July Black Mountain Caravan & Camping Park, Llanddeusant, Llangadog SA19 9YG
- Sat 7 July Maes-yr-eglwys Farm, Pen-y-Cae, Swansea Valley SA9 1GS
- Sun 8 July Penllwyn-Einon Farm Bungalow, Ystradfellte, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan and finally
- Mon 9 July Blaenglyn Farm, Libanus, Brecon, Powys, Wales. LD3 8NF

During the expedition, the participants will be unaccompanied in their teams. H5 advise participants to carry their mobile phones in sealed dry bags; also to remind teams that they will be giving their verbal presentations at the end of the final expedition.

Your son will need:-

- to attend his group pre-expedition check
- to be prepared with funds for provisions
- to bring DofE keeping track booklet for the assessor to complete his report after they have given their group verbal presentation
- to have a suitable 'emergency food pack', eg spare hot food pouch, snacks, nuts, boiled sweets, chocolate, Kendal mint cake, or similar
- to be aware that all mobile phones etc are not permitted whilst on the expedition. Sealed for use in emergencies only; please stress this to your son as this can cause a group's immediate failure
- to be aware that anyone suspected of drinking alcohol will be collected by a parent/guardian

Please ensure that we have current emergency contact information and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this expedition. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward on sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son's information.

Deadline for payment: Monday 2 July 2018

Please pay online: Via www.scopay. If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk

For further information on DofE, please contact Mrs Nute on amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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